

Darien TV79 Advisory Board

February 24, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Wilder Baker, Jim Cameron, David Dever,
Lynn Hamlen (Chair), Marilyn Hart.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm in Room 119 of Darien Town Hall.

Minutes of the December 2008 meeting were approved.

Jim Cameron gave an update on camera operators. TV79 now has about seven paid camera operators with new interest being shown weekly by others to join the team.

David Dever explained the new equipment installed in the booth allowing simultaneous coverage of meeting in room 206 and the Auditorium.

There was discussion of possible donation of TV79's collection of DVD's of programs produced since the station went live in 2007. It was agreed that the Board of Selectmen should be approached first. With their consent, the DVD's would then be donated to the Darien Library to make them available to the public... with the caveat that the library create digital copies of the programs for public review, retaining the DVD "masters". Finally, it was agreed that TV79 should retain the most recent three months worth of programs to permit DVD sales.

David Dever explained to the Board that TV79 has produced five Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for the Darien Police Department. The PSA's inform the public about snow removal ordinances, fire / burglar alarm ordinances, traffic safety and tips on preventing auto thefts. These PSA's will air around TV79's usual programming.

There was discussion of recent questions by the Boards of Finance and Selectmen as to which meetings TV79 covers and how it administers town funds on use of paid camera operators. Cameron and Dever reported that, in recent budget reviews by those boards, the TV79 requests remained intact.

David Dever spoke of plans to cover "The Depot's" upcoming fund raising "Spelling Bee" in the Auditorium in March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting will be May 26th at 7:30 pm in room 119.